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Faryab Province

OVERVIEW

USAID estimated support for Faryab from January 2002 - June 2011: \$72.5 million

Estimated population: 885,000 (Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Central Statistics Office: Estimated Population of Afghanistan 2008-2009)

Capital: Maymana

Note: Norwegian-led PRT



The rural province of Faryab is irrigated by the Gurizan and Maymana rivers. Faryab has the nation's most extensive pistachio forests, and major efforts are being put into rehabilitating the province's irrigation system as the recent drought severely affected the agricultural economy. Faryab is also rich in mineral resources, including salt, marble, and oil. The region's population is a mix of Uzbek, Turkmen, and Pashtun. Due to its remote location, the province does not receive sufficient public services.

AGRICULTURE

Goal: Increase agricultural sector jobs and income through a) increased agricultural productivity by increasing farmer access to inputs and effective extension services; b) invigorated agribusiness by increasing linkages between farmers, markets, credit, and trade corridors; and c) rehabilitated watersheds and improved irrigation infrastructure. Also, increase Afghans' confidence in their government by increasing Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock's (MAIL) capacity to deliver services and promote the private sector and farmer associations through direct budget and technical assistance.

Summary: The Alternative Development and Agriculture Program in Faryab Province focuses on preparing farmers to participate in a modern agricultural economy through veterinary services, improved water management, and training.

Current Activities:

- Establish 10khw micro-hydro power plants
- Train farmers using improved methods of cultivation to achieve an increase in yields over previous methods
- Provide silkworm and wool training and market development training for women
- Strengthen the network of agricultural retailers to ensure the sustainable availability of high quality inputs, developing extension services able to improve basic orchard management in cooperation with the Afghan government
- Train Kuchi leaders in peace and negotiation methods and conflict resolution
- Plant commercial almond orchards
- Support veterinary field units to deliver animal health services such as vaccinations and medications and train herders on herd health packages
- Conduct veterinary courses for veterinary field units
- Establish a milk collection and processing center
- Train women on improved cattle management



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Accomplishments:

- Provided a line of credit to the Islamic Investment and Finance Cooperative Group to support farmers with agricultural inputs
- Carried out a campaign to treat 330,800 animals against internal parasites, benefitting 5,400 livestock owners
- Conducted a rangeland survey
- Constructed 10 micro-hydropower plants in remote areas bringing electric power to 1,210 families
- Contributed to the development of a rangeland law
- Created 20 community-based nurseries, 60 private nurseries, and 35 forest-based nurseries to provide farmers with legal income-generation resources and to create a source of reforestation materials
- Distributed 24,000 vouchers for affordable agricultural inputs (seed and fertilizer)
- Established 10 ha of commercial almond orchards in Maymana and Pashtun Kot districts
- Established 23 retail-level AgDepot farm stores, which are privately owned and operated
- Established 29 veterinary field units and trained 29 para-veterinarians
- Established the AgNet internet communications system and weather station in the provincial MAIL office to provide access to the National Agriculture Information System database for extension workers, producers, and MAIL planners
- Granted \$89,700 worth of inputs for subsidized sale to farmers
- Increased community knowledge of forestry and good environmental practices
- Increased farmers' agricultural knowledge through six training sessions and promoted direct linkages between food brokers and farmers
- Institutionalized three rangeland management technologies within MAIL
- Organized 45 agricultural retailers into a provincial association
- Planted 28,000 trees and rehabilitated 250 hectares of pistachio woodland to improve the environment and reestablish a traditional income-generating natural resource
- Provided training in business management and accounting
- Provided training to 10,670 farmers on melon fly control
- Rehabilitated 52 km of the Bilchiragh District main road, providing 50 full-time jobs, and \$90,700 in wages
- Rehabilitated or constructed 100 canals and five dams
- Started 200 new businesses, 125 of which are women-owned silkworm micro-enterprises
- Trained 780 individuals on best agricultural practices and natural resource management, distributed 9,100 storybooks and other promotional materials, and helped form 40 village environmental committees
- Trained the AgNet officer, who now collects and transmits local weather, market price, and agricultural production data to ministry headquarters and local farmers

DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE

Goal: Build the capacity of government institutions to improve the quality of government services to Afghan citizens.

Summary: USAID supports democracy and governance in Faryab Province through activities including legislative strengthening, electoral support, justice sector reform, media, and civil-society development.

Current Activities:

- Provide capacity building training to civil-society organizations



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- Support a radio station
- Training provincial- and district-level civil servants in the five common functions highlighted in the Afghanistan National Development Strategy: financial management, human resources management, procurement, project management, and strategy and policy development.
- Providing institutional capacity development and advocacy support to women-focused Afghan civil-society organizations
- Provide the provincial governor with operational resources and money for community outreach and micro projects to support his needs and serve as incentive to develop
- Develop the human and institutional capacity of the courts, increase access to justice particularly for women, and develop and implement a case tracking system including professional training for judges and administrators on the system

Accomplishments:

- Supported justice sector development through the publication and distribution of Judicial Reference Law sets, a 17-volume collection of laws, to all 33 judges in the province
- Developed and trained judges and court administrators in the new Afghanistan Court Administration System, a case-management system that improves the courts' ability to manage cases and provide due process, leading to more effective and transparent rule of law
- Supported justice sector development through a one-month Foundation Training Program for 33 sitting judges and a one-year Supreme Court-mandated Stage Judicial Training Program for four judicial candidates, providing judges access to the tools necessary to officiate over the courts
- Assisted the Supreme Court in drafting a new ethics code for all judges and provided training for all of Afghanistan's judges in the contents and importance of the code
- Promoted legal and human rights awareness, including women's rights, through public education campaigns in a variety of media, thereby making information accessible even to those who cannot read
- Promoted participation in governance through civic education, voter registration, and election monitoring activities for 2004-2005 elections
- Provided training to the provincial council, which improved professionalism, knowledge, and skills resulting in more effective and transparent leadership
- Awarded eight small grants to non-government organizations and civil-society organizations to promote women's rights, human rights, and community mediation and conflict analysis
- Supported the 2008 voter registration exercise, assisted domestic and international observation missions, trained political parties and independent poll agents, conducted a series of poll surveys ahead of the elections, and ultimately helped conduct the 2009/2010 elections
- Provided capacity building training to eight civil-society organizations
- Established a radio station
- Awarded 24 grants

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Goal: Create a developed business climate that enables private investment, job creation, and financial independence.

Summary: USAID's economic growth program helps the Afghan government develop sound economic governance and works with the private sector to stimulate investment and business opportunities. USAID partners with Afghans and the Afghan government to attract investment, generate sustainable employment, and expand



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market linkages. USAID promotes economic development in Faryab Province through expanding access to modern banking services, telecommunications, land titling, and micro-enterprise development.

Current Activities:

- Provide grants to small businesses and associations to strengthen Afghanistan's business community, facilitate business growth, and enable associations to serve its members through training and business registration assistance
- Support a community-owned and managed Islamic investment and finance cooperative, which provides financial services to members
- Providing provincial budgeting support to select line ministries and providing training to provincial officials through the establishment of regional provincial budgeting training hubs

Accomplishments:

- Installed nine district communications networks and twelve satellite-based communications stations, operated by Afghan Telecom, that provide telephones, internet, and photocopying services to district government officials and the public
- Expanded, refurbished, and fully automated two provincial branches of Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) that operate as the paying agent for the government and disburses all social, payroll, and procurement payments (services such as these increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the social and economic infrastructure of Afghanistan, contributing to the development of the public and private-sectors)
- Implemented the Core Banking System, DAB's automated transaction and financial management system, in Andkhoy and Faryab branches which dramatically improves service delivery, funds transfer capabilities, and accounting and financial reporting functions
- Installed the Revenue Reconciliation and Accounting database in the Faryab Mustofiat, which has dramatically reduced processing times of Afghan government revenue receipts, production on revenue reports, and uploading into the consolidated Ministry of Finance Financial Management System
- Reorganized land titling documentation at the Makhzan court register with new cost-efficient technology, enabling Afghans to easily access their property documents (before the reorganization, the land administration office was unable to properly document land transfers, provide proof of ownership documents, or prevent the registration of fraudulent deeds)
- Trained and provided work opportunities to 51 students to date under a capacity-building internship program to build the professional skills of Faryab Province's future business and government leaders
- Supported four associations through grants and training
- Supported 173 businesses in sectors including textile manufacturing, carpet production, construction, and food processing through training and business development services
- Established two Islamic investment and finance cooperatives with 3,500 members (27.9 percent women)
- Disbursed more than \$3.8 million in sharia-compliant loans
- Promoted economic expansion and rural enterprise development through micro-credit lending
- Disbursed nearly \$4.6 million in microfinance and \$1.2 million small business loans through USAID-funded financial institutions
- Supported the revenue reconciliation team of the Faryab Mustofiat centered on accurate revenue collection posting and reporting
- Promoted improved cash management operations with regard to availability and quality of bank notes in circulation



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EDUCATION

Goal: Improve the quality of basic education through improved teacher training and increased availability of primary school textbooks; improve the quality of higher education.

Summary: USAID supports educational improvements in Faryab Province through national education projects. USAID has provided textbook support, trained education faculty professors, and constructed and/or refurbished schools.

Current Activities:

- Construct a new faculty of education building for the university
- Construct a teacher training college to build a corps of professional teachers able to provide quality education to children in the province
- Continue textbook printing and distribution support
- Work with the faculty of education to improve the teaching skills of professors through training in pedagogy, subject knowledge, computer literacy, English, institutional development, leadership, management, administration, professional attitudes, and teacher standards

Accomplishments:

- Constructed or refurbished 39 schools
- Printed more than two million primary education textbooks
- Sponsored continuing education opportunities in Afghanistan and abroad for university professors
- Established a professional development center at the university
- Introduced a teacher standards program and a standards working committee for assessment and validation

HEALTH

Goal: Improve the access to and quality of health services and improve the overall healthcare practices of individuals, families, and communities.

Summary: USAID's principal health investments in Faryab Province preventative healthcare come through support for the Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS) and the Essential Package of Hospital Services (EPHS), including technical assistance to the Provincial Health Office and implementing non-governmental organizations, pre-service and refresher training for community health workers, and the provision of refresher training courses for nurses and physicians.

Current Activities:

- Support 40 health facilities to implement the Basic Package of Health Services and the Essential Package of Hospital Services
- Fund the Diseases Early Warning System for 14 routine conditions/diseases in six sentinel sites
- Procure and distribute high-quality pharmaceuticals and contraceptives
- Implement the Integrated Child Survival Package at the community level in Shrin-Tagab, and Khwaja-Sabzposh districts, including growth monitoring and promotion, community case management, and newborn care
- Support full implementation of tuberculosis activities including initial and refresher trainings on the treatment of tuberculosis, upgrading lab facilities, strengthening lab microscopy, and introducing or



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scaling-up community based initiatives such as community awareness of tuberculosis and treatment of tuberculosis by community health workers

- Distribute community awareness materials for tuberculosis, diagnostic, treatment and training packages for tuberculosis including a database information system and maintenance equipment for the database
- Support social marketing of health and family planning products (such as contraceptives, water purification agents, and oral rehydration salts for diarrhea) through private sector outlets
- Support the Provincial Public Health Office and the Provincial Public Health Coordination Committee to strengthen the technical, leadership, and management capacity of the provincial health team to support the delivery of BPHS and EPHS
- Provide on-the-job training to health facilities based on quality assurance findings to ensure skilled healthcare providers
- Provide training on reproductive health and family planning to enable religious leaders to provide accurate information to communities
- Expand the community-based prevention of post-partum hemorrhage initiative for births not attended by skilled providers
- Increase the technical and managerial skills of healthcare workers through refresher training for doctors, nurses, and lab technicians
- Fund province-wide Community Health Worker pre-service and refresher training

Accomplishments:

- Procured and distributed high-quality pharmaceuticals and contraceptives valued at \$1.7 million
- Implemented a program to manage severe acute malnutrition at the community level
- Established two model tuberculosis learning centers for health providers
- Trained 8,000 pharmacists, shura members, and community health workers on safe drinking water, oral rehydration salts, and birth spacing to increase the quality of preventative healthcare
- Trained provincial health officers to develop monthly joint monitoring plans to support the delivery of BPHS and EPHS

INFRASTRUCTURE

Goal: Improve infrastructure in order to create licit economic opportunities, promote freedom of movement, and facilitate delivery of government and social services.

Summary: The infrastructure program in Faryab Province focuses on improving transport and water facilities while building the capacity of local workers and supporting the provincial economy using locally available materials.

Current Activities:

- Upgrade the Maimana Airport in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Transportation and Civil Aviation, and the Asian Development Bank
- Determine the feasibility of constructing a gravity-fed, piped water supply system in Pashton Kot District

Accomplishments:

- Rehabilitated the Sar-e-Haus Dam to help relieve drought and deliver substantially more water to farmers for irrigation



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- Brought safe water to Shirin Tagab by conducting a water supply feasibility study and improving the potable water system
- Improved two district center roads (Pashton Kot and Khoja Musa) totaling four km, thereby facilitating travel and trade

STABILIZATION

Goal: Improve stability, extend the reach of the Afghan government, and promote stabilization efforts that lay the groundwork for medium- to long-term development activities.

Summary: USAID creates linkages and builds confidence between communities and the local government through small-scale infrastructure, training, and community development projects.

Current Activities:

- Support community-level labor intensive programs that improve city infrastructure, support community development priorities, and offer temporary employment (wages earned through these public and community works projects enable the poor to purchase food for themselves and their families)

Accomplishments:

- Constructed or rehabilitated four irrigation systems and three roads to improve local transportation and water supply
- Provided technical advisors for the Department of Economy, Department of Labor and Social Affairs, Department of Public Works, and Department of Information and Culture
- Supported the Provincial Development Council through capacity development training
- Provided commodities and renovations to provincial government facilities
- Helped 5,600 people through community-level labor intensive programs that improve city infrastructure, support community development priorities, and offer temporary employment
- Provided assistance to eight families (including small businesses and standard kits) who suffered losses as a result of international military operations against anti-government elements